

MINUTES  
OF  
MOUNT VERNON HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
Saturday, October 6, 2012

The Historic Preservation Commission met on Saturday, October 6, 2012 at 9:15 a.m.. The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson Kay Johansen. Other members present were Pat Westerkamp, Mary Iber, Skip Clark, Sarah Kelly, Hugh Lifson, and Guy Booth. Minutes of the meeting of September 8, 2012 and September 25, 2012 were approved.

There is no response as yet from the city regarding the proposed demolition ordinance. It is reported that the Mount Vernon School District has reviewed the ordinance and has asked several questions as to how it might affect the district in the future if they needed to demolish a building. Guy Booth will follow up with the city to get an idea of when the city will respond to the proposed ordinance.

We are still working on extending the buildings in the commercial district into the historic district. Leah Rodgers has identified a person who may be able to do the study for the Commission. Leah will be able to give additional information, as well as the costs of hiring this consultant to complete the work for preparing the application for inclusion of the Chameleon Building into the district.

Mary Iber reported on the proposal to have all of the Mount Vernon/Lisbon newspapers digitized. She indicates that funds have been raised to meet the costs of approximately \$4,200. It was reported that the Lisbon Historic Museum may have some newspapers from the late 1800's that are not in the collection at Cornell. These can be added to the digitizing process. When the documents have been scanned and digitized, we will see if they can be added to our website so they are available to anyone on the internet. Mary said that the scanning of the newspapers will begin in the near future. Fortunately, most of the newspapers are already on microfilm which will make the process move much more quickly.

Hugh Lifson indicated that we are unable to get plans completed for the LeClaire trip at this time, but we will look ahead to perhaps a spring trip.

It was reported that the Docent training session on September 29 went well. There were approximately 29 people who attended.

Mary Iber asked about the possibility of setting up an email account for the Commission. She indicates it may be better to have documents scanned and sent to our address so we are ready to insure that documents will remain available to the Commission through our own email account.

The next scheduled meeting of the Commission is November 3, 2012 at 9:15 a.m.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

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